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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventor application of

Docket No: Q65704

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Appln. No.: 09/917,897

Group Art Unit: 1631

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Examiner: Marjorie A. MORAN

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For: METHOD OF MEASUREMENT OF PROTEASE AND THIN MEMBRANES USED  
FOR SAID METHOD

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, a petition of extension of time was filed on November 12, 2004 extending the time for responding to the Office Action of August 5, 2004 to December 5, 2004. Applicants hereby petition for a second and third month extension of time to further extend the time for responding from December 5, 2004 to February 7, 2005 (February 5, 2005 being a Saturday).

A check for the balance of the statutory fee of \$910.00 (\$1020.00 - \$110.00 paid on November 12, 2004) is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please

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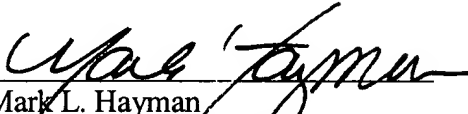
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